

Carol

Hits Duxbury

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Hurricane Carol, according to the anemometer at the Duxbury Yacht Club, reached a velocity of 90 miles an hour as it blasted through Duxbury, uprooting and toppling towering elms and hundreds of other trees and doing terrific damage that is yet to be estimated.

Wires torn down by the high wind were draped across streets all over town and boats of every size and description were torn from moorings as they capsized or sank. Some craft washed ashore or were battered and demolished as the hurricane tore into Duxbury without warning. The wind hit its peak velocity around noon about 2 hours before high tide as 15-foot waves pounded King Caesar Rd. and other points along the waterfront and windswept salt spray laden with shredded leaves left houses drenched and littered. Meanwhile, trees, cracking like matchsticks, crashed and in some sectors - Washington and St. George streets among them - blocked traffic until crews from the Highway and Tree Warden departments sawed them up and removed them. (Roy Parks and Lewis Randall did a grand job as usual!)

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Chimneys were blown down, shingles ripped off, fences flattened, windows broken, trees uprooted and boats splintered. Under the direction of Fire Chief Eben Briggs 2 truck-loads of persons stranded on Duxbury Beach were brought across Long Bridge just before it was damaged and roped off against traffic.

It was the worst blow since 1944.